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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE
HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT AMIN

REFS: BONN 3636; NAIROBI 2610; BONN 3637

1. WE REGRET INACCURATE PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT AMIN. WE
HAVE CALLED VOA TO REQUEST THEY BROADCAST NOTHING TO LEND
CREDENCE TO REPORT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE HAS
BEEN DELIVERED TO AMIN. WE JUDGE THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO
CONTACT OTHER NEWS AGENCIES AT THIS TIME TO CLARIFY SITUA-
TION MIGHT CREATE MORE PROBLEMS THEN IT WOULD SOLVE, BUT
WE WILL REVIEW THE QUESTION LATER THIS MORNING.

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2. THE CONFUSION CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY
STEM FROM THE WHITE HOUSE NEWS CONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 28.
THE RELEVANT PORTION OF THE TRANSCRIPT FOLLOWS.

3. BEGIN TEXT. MR. POWELL: THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES TO
FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY. HE HAS EXPRESSED TO
PRESIDENT AMIN HIS APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT AMIN'S

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ASSURANCES THAT THE LIVES AND HEALTH AND SAFETY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THAT COUNTRY ARE NOT ENDANGERED AND AS I INDICATED EARLIER, THOSE EXPRESSIONS FROM PRESIDENT AMIN DID SERVE AND DO SERVE TO HELP TO ALLAY CONCERN HERE. BUT WE CONTINUE, AS I SAID, TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

Q BY PRIVATE, DO YOU MEAN THAT SOMEBODY FROM OUR GOVERNMENT, THAT IS, THE PRESIDENT OR SOMEBODY FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKE TO MR. AMIN OR WAS IT THROUGH THE GERMAN EMBASSY?

MR. POWELL: I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE MECHANISM WAS, BUT THE PRESIDENT DID PRESENT TO OR TRANSMIT A SHORT MESSAGE OF THE NATURE THAT I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED TO YOU, TO PRESIDENT AMIN. I UNDERSTAND IT WAS TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

Q WHEN?

MR. POWELL: ON THE 26TH? IS THAT THE DATE OF THE MESSAGE?

Q HAS THERE BEEN NO MESSAGE SINCE THEN TO OR FROM?

Q WHAT DAY WAS IT?

MR. POWELL: I AM NOT SURE WHEN IT WAS DELIVERED. WE WILL HAVE TO CHECK.

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Q WAS THERE A RESPONSE TO THAT SPECIFIC ONE?

MR. POWELL: NOT THAT I KNOW OF. IT WAS NOT A MESSAGE THAT NECESSARILY ASKED FOR A RESPONSE. END TEXT.
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